

Negroes, is practically all Negro. According to a report of the 47th annual convention of the NAACP held in June, 1956, this organization reached a new high of 309,000 members with gains concentrated in the South. Income soared to a record \$635,000. In addition to its official publication, The Crisis, it publishes literature on various aspects of the Negro question.

The major portion of its work is carried out through its national office which keeps a constant check on Negro rights and attempts to secure passage of favorable state and Federal legislation. In a broad sense, the NAACP strives to create favorable publicity for the Negro and air his grievances before the American public. In recent years, it has shifted its emphasis from the defense of the Negro to a more offensive position in his behalf.

Throughout the years, the Communist Party, USA, has tried to infiltrate and gain control of the NAACP, using tactics consistent with Party policy during its alternate militant and "united front" periods. It recognizes the NAACP as "the most important Negro organization, dedicated to the fight for Negro equality." At a national conference of the Communist Party, USA, held in 1953, a statement was issued to the effect that: